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SUMMARY OF CASES ACCEPTED DURING THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 16, 2002

[This news release is issued to inform the public and the press of cases that the Supreme Court has accepted and of their general subject matter. The description or descriptions set out below do not necessarily reflect the view of the court, or define the specific issues that will be addressed by the court.]

#02-202 In re Black, S110683. (A094946; 101 Cal.App.4th 1026.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed an order granting a writ of habeas corpus.

#02-203 In re Reeves, S110887. (G028823; 102 Cal.App.4th 232.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed an order granting a writ of habeas corpus.

Black and Reeves both present the following issue: Does Penal Code section 2933.1, which limits the work time credits that can be earned by a prisoner convicted of a violent felony to 15 percent of the amount that would otherwise accrue under section 2933, limit the credits applicable to the sentence imposed on each offense of which such a prisoner is convicted, including a concurrent sentence for a non-violent offense that is imposed in a proceeding unrelated to the violent felony?

#02-204 In re Celine R., S111138. (F040063; 102 Cal.App.4th 717.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed orders terminating parental rights. This case presents the following issues: (1) In applying the "sibling relationship" provision of Welfare and Institutions Code section 366.26, subdivision (c)(1)(E), in relation to the potential termination of parental rights, must the trial court consider the interests of all siblings or only the interests of the child who is the subject of the hearing? (2) Did counsel's joint representation of siblings at a permanency planning hearing give rise to

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either an actual or a potential conflict of interest calling for the appointment of independent counsel?

#02-205 Ferguson v. Meadows, S110813. (A094750; unpublished opinion.)

Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed the judgment in a civil action. The court ordered briefing deferred pending decision in Ferguson v. Lieff, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein, S104444 (#02-69), which presents the following issue: Can damages be recovered in a legal malpractice action for the loss of a punitive damages claim?

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